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FROM CLARK CLIFFORD FOR AMBASSADOR MACOMBER ONLY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: TU, CY, PFOR
SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. PLEASE INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER AS FOLLOWS,
THE MEETINGS OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION IN NICOSIA WENT
WELL. THE FORTHCOMING VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS WERE DIS-
CUSSED INTENSIVELY WITH GREEK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS AND
THEY AGREED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIVE
AND SUSTAINED AND THAT PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES SHOULD
BE AVOIDED. AFTER SEVERAL LENGTHY AND FRANK PRIVATE
DISCUSSIONS ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS INFORMED CLIFFORD THAT
THE GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR WOULD PRESENT A CONCRETE
TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL IN VIENNA. CLIFORD EMPHASIZED TO
HIM, AS HE DID TO THE TURKISH OFFICIALS, THAT THE PRO-
POSAL MUST BE REASONABLE IF IT IS TO SERVE AS THE BASIS
OF REAL NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE MISSION WAS INFORMED THE
THE NEW CYPRIOT PROPOSAL WOULD BE REASONABLE AND WOULD
BE IN A FORM THAT WOULD LEND ITSELF TO CONCRETE NEG-
OTIATIONS. THE ARCHBISHOP WAS LED TO UNDERSTAND THAT A
REASONABLE TURKISY CYPRIOT PROPOSAL ON CONSTITUTIONAL
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ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ALSO BE PUT ON THE TABLE IN VIENNA.

2. IN MEETINGS WITH DENKTASH THE CLIFFORD MISSION WAS
SUBJECTED TO AN UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD US INVOLVE-
MENT AND SOME STRONG RHETORIC. HOWEVER, DENKTASH AND
HIS ASSOCIATES (WHO ON THE WHOLE WERE MUCH MORE POSITIVE
IN ATTITUDE) DID CONFIRM THAT THEY WOULD PRESENT A

WRITTEN CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL AND WOULD NEGOTIATE IN
GOOD FAITH.

3. NOW THAT THESE FIRST STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, IT IS
IMPORTANT THAT THE PARTIES WORK THROUGH DE CUELLAR TO
ESTABLISH AN AGREED PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK FOR TALKS AND
FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CONCRETE
PROPOSALS EACH SIDE WILL PRESENT.

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